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## MOORE COUNTY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY TO AID COVID-19 RESPONSE

A State of Emergency has been declared in Moore County on Friday, March 13, 2020, as the number of COVID-19 cases in North Carolina continues to climb. At this time, this declaration is primarily an administrative action and should not heighten fears or fuel panic among residents. If the circumstances require further action, this declaration will be amended as needed. Moore County currently has no presumptive positive cases.

Although the risk of contracting the novel coronavirus remains low in Moore County, this declaration is a proactive measure allowing for flexibility to respond to this evolving situation in the days and weeks ahead. This declaration allows Moore County to utilize additional resources and activate emergency plans and mutual aid agreements.

Citizens should continue to follow current recommendations from the Moore County Health Department, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and Centers for Disease Control.

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